

AMENDMENT

In The Claims

1-30. (Canceled).

31. (Currently amended) A floatation system for ~~attachment to a helicopter~~ having landing skids, the floatation system comprising:

at least one inflatable float attached to the landing skids for buoyantly supporting the helicopter on water ~~for supporting the helicopter~~; and

an inflatable raft for transporting persons.

32. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 31, wherein the system is adapted to be converted from a packed configuration to a partially deployed configuration by use of a first actuating member.

33. (Currently amended) The floatation system of claim ~~32~~ 31, wherein the system is adapted to be converted from the partially deployed configuration into a fully deployed configuration by use of a second actuating member.

34. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 31, wherein the at least one float and the raft are releasably contained within a cover member in a packed configuration.

35. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 32, wherein the raft and the at least one float are deflated in the packed configuration.

36. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 33, wherein the raft is deflated and the at least one float is inflated in the partially deployed configuration.

37. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 33, wherein the raft and the at least one float are inflated in the fully deployed configuration.

38. (Currently amended) A floatation system attached ~~for attachment~~ to a helicopter, the floatation system comprising:

a girt ~~dimensioned to be~~ attached to the helicopter ~~landing skid~~;

at least one float attached to the girt; and

a raft attached to the at least one float;

wherein the at least one float is adapted to support the helicopter and the raft is adapted to transport persons.

39. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 38, wherein the system is adapted to be converted from a packed configuration to a partially deployed configuration by use of a first actuating member.

40. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 39, wherein the system is adapted to be converted from the partially deployed configuration into a fully deployed configuration by use of a second actuating member.

41. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 38, wherein the at least one float and the raft are releasably contained within a cover member in a packed configuration.

42. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 41, wherein the raft and the at least one float are deflated in the packed configuration.

43. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 40, wherein the raft is deflated and the at least one float is inflated in the partially deployed configuration.

44. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 40, wherein the raft and the at least one float are inflated in the fully deployed configuration.

45. (Currently amended) A floatation system in combination with ~~for attachment to a~~ helicopter landing skid, the floatation system comprising:

at least one inflatable float attached to the landing skid; and

an inflatable raft;

~~wherein the at least one float is used to support the helicopter and the raft is used to transport persons during an emergency.~~

46. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 45, wherein the system is adapted to be converted from a packed configuration to a partially deployed configuration by use of a first actuating member.

47. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 46, wherein the system is adapted to be converted from the partially deployed configuration into a fully deployed configuration by use of a second actuating member.

48. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 45, wherein the at least one float and the raft are releasably contained within a cover member in a packed configuration.

49. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 46, wherein the raft and the at least one float are deflated in the packed configuration.

50. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 46, wherein the raft is deflated and the at least one float is inflated in the partially deployed configuration.

51. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 47, wherein the raft and the at least one float are inflated in the fully deployed configuration.

52. (Canceled)